

Nomination Recommitted: Senate recommitted the following nomination to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—275) Page S9318

Adjournment: Senate met at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, July 15,

2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9356.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHILE & SINGAPORE FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation to implement the proposed free trade agreements with Chile and Singapore, after receiving testimony from Regina K. Vargo, Assistant United States Trade Representative for the Americas, and Lead Negotiator for the Chile Free Trade Agreement; and Ralph F. Ives III, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Southeast Asia, the Pacific and APEC, and Leader Negotiator for the Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2714–2724, and 1 private bill, H. Con. Res. 242, were introduced. Page H6706

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H6706–07

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on July 11, H.R. 1950, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for the fiscal years 2004 and 2005, to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, amended (H. Rept. 108–105, Pt. 4);

Filed on July 11, H.R. 2330, to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people, amended (H. Rept. 108–159, Pt. 2);

H.R. 1375, to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 108–152 Pt. 2);

H.R. 2086, to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy, amended (H. Rept. 108–167 Pt. 2);

H.R. 116, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to construct, lease, or modify major medical facilities at the site of the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado, amended (H. Rept. 108–200);

H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, amended (H. Rept. 108–201);

H.R. 901, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California, amended (H. Rept. 108–202);

H.R. 1209, to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., in the District of Columbia (H. Rept. 108–203);

H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project (H. Rept. 108–204);

H.R. 2441, to establish the Millennium Challenge Account to provide increased support for developing countries that have fostered democracy and the rule of law, invested in their citizens, and promoted economic freedom; to assess the impact and effectiveness of United States economic assistance; to authorize the expansion of the Peace Corps, amended (H. Rept. 108–205); and

H. Res. 316, providing for consideration of H.R. 1950, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for the fiscal years 2004 and 2005, to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 (H. Rept. 108–206). **Pages H6705–06**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Cole to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H6607**

Agriculture Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by yea-and-nay vote of 347 yeas to 64 nays, Roll No. 358. **Pages H6609–58, H6676–80**

Agreed To:

Ballance amendment that increases funding for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Civil Rights, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers with offsets of \$8.6 million from the Common Computing Environment account; **Pages H6634–35**

Blumenauer amendment that increases funding for the Inspector General to enforce animal fighting statutes with offsets of \$800,000 from the Agriculture Buildings and Facilities and Rental Payments account (agreed to by recorded vote of 222 yeas to 179 noes, Roll No. 355); **Pages H6635–38, H6677–78**

Davis of Alabama amendment that increases funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities with offsets of \$3.5 million from the Common Computing Environment account; **Pages H6638–40**

Bonilla amendment that strikes provision that prohibits funding for certain conservation technical assistance programs; **Pages H6650–51**

Kaptur amendment that prohibits the use of any funding to violate Public Law 105–264, relating to the use of Federal credit cards by Federal Employees; **Page H6656**

Kaptur amendment that prohibits the use of any funding to issue a final rule on Cost-Sharing for animal and plant health emergency programs; **Page H6656**

Kaptur amendment that prohibits the use of any funding to identify by photograph on a department's or agency's website any Member of the House of Representatives or the Senate within 60 days before a Federal general election; **Page H6656**

Kaptur amendment that increases the funding for the biofuels program with offsets of \$20 million from the Common Computing Environment account. **Page H6656**

Rejected:

Rehberg amendment that sought to strike section 743 that prohibits funding to implement country of origin labeling for meat or meat products (rejected by recorded vote of 193 yeas to 208 noes, Roll No. 354); **Pages H6640–48, H6676–77**

Hefley amendment that sought to decrease all discretionary funding by one percent (rejected by recorded vote of 68 yeas to 333 noes, Roll No. 356); and **Pages H6648–49, H6678**

Ackerman amendment that sought to prohibit funding to approve for human consumption any cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, or other equines that are unable to stand or walk unassisted at a slaughtering, packing, meat-canning, rendering, or similar establishment subject to inspection at the point of examination and inspection (rejected by recorded vote of 199 yeas to 202 noes, Roll No. 357); **Pages H6651–55, H6678–79**

Withdrawn:

Holt amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide funding for education program on the use of biotechnology in producing food for human consumption. **Pages H6649–50**

The bill was considered by unanimous consent.

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Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act: The House disagreed with the Senate amendments to H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings security accounts and health savings accounts, to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Tauzin, Chairman Thomas and Representatives Bilirakis, Johnson of Connecticut, DeLay, Dingell, Rangel, and Berry. **Page H6658**

By yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 359, rejected the Davis of Tennessee motion to instruct conferees: (1) to reject the provisions of subtitle C of title II of the House bill and (2) to recede to the Senate on the provisions to guarantee access to prescription drug coverage under section 1860D–13(e) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 101(a) of the Senate amendment. **Pages H6658–66, H6680–81**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Congratulating Chambers of Commerce: H. Con. Res. 215, honoring and congratulating chambers of

commerce for their efforts that contribute to the improvement of communities and the strengthening of local and regional economies; **Pages H6666–68**

100th Anniversary of the Founding of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company: H. Res. 296, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States and many other nations and a leading force for product and manufacturing innovation throughout the 20th century.

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Suspension Proceedings Postponed—Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act: The House completed debate on H.R. 2330, amended, to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people. Further proceedings were postponed until Tuesday, July 15.

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Motion to Instruct Conferees—Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act: Representative DeLauro announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act to include in the conference report (1) the provision of the Senate amendment (not included in the House amendment) that provides immediate payments to taxpayers receiving an additional credit by reason of the bill in the same manner as other taxpayers were entitled to immediate payments under the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003; (2) the provision of the Senate amendment (not included in the House amendment) that provides families of military personnel serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones a child credit based on the earnings of the individuals serving in the combat zone; (3) all of the other provisions of the Senate amendment and shall not report back a conference report that includes additional tax benefits not offset by other provisions; (4) other tax benefits for military personnel and the families of the astronauts who died in the Columbia disaster. And, House conferees shall, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this motion, meet in open session with the Senate conferees and the House conferees shall file a conference report consistent with the preceding provisions of this instruction, not later than Friday, July 18, 2003.

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Presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom: The House passed S. 709, to award a congressional gold medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H6681**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:44 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H6676**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6607.

Referral: S. 886 was referred to the Committee on Resources. **Page H6704**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6676–77, H6677–78, H6678, H6678–79, H6679–80, and H6680–81. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Testimony was heard from Representatives Taylor of North Carolina, Obey, and Dicks on H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Further action was deferred.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 1950, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FY 2004–2005, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill modified by the amendments recommended by the Committees on Armed Services and Energy and Commerce also printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations modified by the amendments recommended by the Committees on Armed Services and Energy and Commerce. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution and en bloc amendments as described in section 2 of the resolution. The rule provides that amendments shall be considered only in the order specified in the report (except as specified in section 3 of the resolution), may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be debatable for